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பவுடர் செய்வதற்கு அங்கு ஒரு தொழிற்சாலையை அமைப்பதாகச் சொல்லி இப்பொழுது அது அரசாங்கத்தின் கவனத்தில் இருக்கிறது. இது மூன்றாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்தில் சேர்த்துக்கொள்ள யோசிக்கப்படும்.

Minor Irrigation

* 587 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN (on behalf of SRI A. A. RASHEED) Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the steps taken to tap sub-terranean sources for minor irrigation?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The Government are taking steps to tap underground water resources especially by the sinking of filter-point wells and sub-artesian wells on ryots' lands. Artesian wells and tube-wells are also sunk and maintained as Government sources of irrigation, wherever feasible. Sinking of open wells on ryots' lands is also encouraged under the New Well Subsidy Scheme.

Besides, 28 successful tube-wells were sunk in this State under the first Exploratory Tube-well Project of the Government of India. The State Government have also agreed to participate in the Second Exploratory Tubewell Project proposed to be undertaken by the Government of India.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: May I know how many Exploratory tube-wells are proposed to be sunk under the Second Exploratory Tube-well Scheme in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Under the Third Plan it is proposed to have 75 tube-wells and the Exploratory Tube-wells Organization will sink on behalf of the State another 75 tube-wells.

SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER: Sir, the Central Tube-wells Organization is sinking about 400 to 500 tube-wells with their machinery which is stocked in Pudukkottai. Will the Government try to correspond with the Government of India and make use of these idle machines for the purpose of sinking more bore wells for irrigation purposes in this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The Government of India Tube-wells Organization have certain machinery with which they are doing this work. This Government have got their own machinery to sink artesian wells, filter-point wells, etc.

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Sir, are these 75 exploratory tube wells spread over the various districts in the State? If so. may I have the districtwar figures in respect of these wells?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, I would like to have notice.